

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

ATTENTION: Information Handling Committee

SUBJECT: Use of Federal Information Processing Standards  
in Exchange of Intelligence Data.

REFERENCE: USIB-D-71.1/5, 19 May 1971, subject as above.

At present the Department of State does not exchange substantive data in machine readable form with other USIB member agencies nor does it contribute any machine files to the COINS experiment.

The Document Storage and Retrieval System presently under development in the Department will utilize the six-digit numeric representation called for in FIPS PUB 4, Calendar Date, and the alphabetic codes contained in FIPS PUB 10, Countries, Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty. Use of these FIPS standards is also contemplated for the Traffic Analysis and Guidance System (TAGS) which will be undergoing operational tests scheduled to begin in the near future.

None of the other published FIPS (representations and codes) are pertinent to the Department's on-going computer system design efforts involving substantive information.

  
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